

Hollywood Reporter

By Mike Connolly

Galway — I've been touring Ireland, on a combined pleasure-business jaunt, so please bear with me while I dispense with today's usual Question-and-Answer column for some tourist-type talk.

Bishop Michael Browne is dedicating a stained-glass window in the new \$1,000,000-plus St. Nicholas Cathedral here in Galway to the late President Kennedy. A hurling stadium in Dublin is being re-named Kennedy Stadium. The new JFK 50-cent pieces are selling for \$3 apiece all over Ireland.

I kiddingly told Bob Hope that the Irish are pushing to have Kennedy canonized, adding they'll have to come up with a JFK miracle as one of the proofs of sainthood. "They've got it," said Bob. "He became President."

Sieve Coitia (it's pronounced "Sleeve Coal-tha" and means "The Wooded Mountain"), scene of the Battle of New Ross in 1798, is where THE official Kennedy Memorial is being planted. It's an arboretum. It will overlook the birthplace of JFK's grandfather in Dunstanstown and my own parents' birthplaces in nearby Campile and Great Island.

EX-MAYOR Bob Briscoe of Dublin inquired about my political affiliation. I showed him my voter's registration card. "And I suppose," said Hizzoner, "you have a Republican registration card in your other pocket?" Answer: "No, but all these things are subject to change without notice in the good old U.S.A."

A Look Magazine staff took over Joe Hart's Pub in Campile last night for some photos and research on a story to be titled "The Kennedy Country." Listening to the melodious Gaelic guile in Joe's place, I was most convinced that the only way to SEE Ireland is to stand in the pubs and LISTEN to it.

But the next morning I was on the Aran Islands, climbing through the stiles, stone fences and an occasional do-hewn (old mud cabin) to reach John Millington Synge's hidden-away-from-the-

tourist-trail Well of the Four Saints, where I sipped three shellsful from it and prayed for a miracle.

Leprechauns and banshees? No, but I saw the Poul Light, which is the ghost's signal that flickers over the emerald hills of New Ross during the soft summer twilights. It has to be a ghost. There are no fireflies there.

Harry Brogan of the Abbey Theatre signed to play Sean O'Feeney in Columbia's "Young Cassidy," now shooting in Dublin after Jack Cardiff took over the director's reins from the ailing John Ford. It's the role of a vicious, stingy storekeeper. Sean O'Feeney is Ford's real name. This is no reflection on Ford. "Ford, in fact," Cardiff told me, "approved it."

"There are no topless bathing suits in Ireland," an Irish lady at the Rockhand in Galway assured me. "But I'm not sure if it's because it's immodest or because it's too cold here!"

ROD TAYLOR, the "Cassidy" star, rushed away to Galway to escape the hysteria of Dublin during Horse Show Week—but the Galway Blazers were blazing away because it was the week of the Galway Races so Rod had to rush to Dublin to rest up from Galway.

The Irish censors are still censoring everything from James Joyce's "Ulysses" to Kate O'Brien's "Land of Spices." Sighs one of De Valera's cabinet members "What can we do? We're between the Devil and the Holy See!" (Does the foregoing look wicked in print? It's not wicked when spoken with a whimsical Gaelic grin. The Irish, as someone once said, are a people who have an insane desire to make other people laugh).

Father Jordan of the Augustinian Church on Washington Street in Cork Town sent his regards, via yours truly, to that expatriate Corkman, Monsignor John Devlin, guiding light of the Legion of Decency and pastor of St. Vincent's Church in Hollywood. Here's part of Father Jor-



FRIDAY PERFORMANCE . . . Instructor Dawn Steadman goes through the paces with Sherree Bodoff and Marilyn Hughes for Friday's performances of the Torrance Recreation Department's modern dance class. The class will give the recital at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. at the Torrance Recreation Center. The concert is open to the public and there is no admission charge.

dan's sermon at 11 o'clock Mass last Sunday: "I asked a confessor if he entertained bad thoughts. 'No,

Father," he replied. "They entertain me!" Andrew Marvell must have been thinking of Connemara.

whose emerald-green shores are always visible from the Aran Islands, even on a misty day.

1939 Social Security Amendments Called 'Most Significant Changes'

Twenty-five years ago, on Aug. 10, 1939, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt took his pen in hand and signed into law a bill passed by the 76th Congress and entitled the Social Security Act Amendments of 1939. There was little fanfare or publicity concerning this event because few people realized that the amendments would ultimately affect the lives of nearly every American family.

Marking the 25th Anniversary of that legislation, Miles Davis, Torrance social security district manager, described the 1939 amendments as the "most significant social security changes ever enacted." He stated that the amendments laid the groundwork for the present social security law by providing for monthly benefits (beginning January, 1940) not only for retired workers, but also for the dependents of retired workers and deceased workers.

"THE 1939 amendments," said Davis, "made social security a family program rather than one for retired workers alone. Since then, the program has come a long way toward realizing the goal set for it in the 1939 and subse-

quent amendments — that of providing basic protection against loss of earnings when the family breadwinner becomes disabled, dies, or retires in old age. Today, nine out of 10 working people are building protection for themselves and their families under the social security law."

Davis noted that more than 100 billion dollars in benefits — about 80 billion to retired workers and their dependents and nearly 25 billion to survivors of deceased workers — have been paid in the period January 1940 through June 1964. The above figures do not include any benefits awarded under the disability provisions of the social security program.

ACCORDING to Davis, more than 19 million people now receive monthly social security benefits, and the total will reach 20 million early in 1965. Here in the South Bay area, over 26,000 residents are receiving social security benefits totalling more than 1.8 million dollars each month.

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